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Response After Supplemental Notice of Allowability

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Dear Sir:

This paper is in response to the Supplemental Notice of Allowability mailed July 20, 2009. Applicants acknowledge and confirm acceptance of the Examiner's Amendment submitted with the Supplemental Notice of Allowability.

The formal drawings submitted on June 23, 2009 are also being resubmitted herewith. The drawings are intended to replace the original informal drawings and add no new matter. Applicants respectfully request that the formal drawings be published with the patent. In the event that there are any questions concerning this submission, please contact the undersigned attorney.

Respectfully submitted,
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